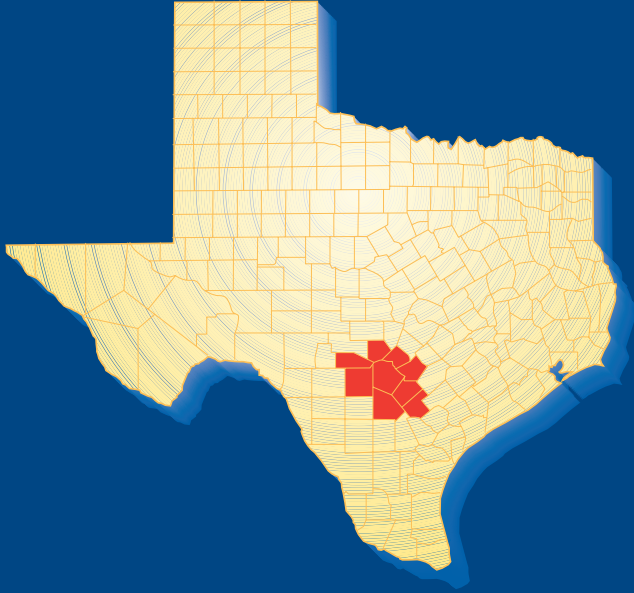


# Alamo Area Clean Cities Coalition



## PARTICIPATING COUNTIES

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Bandera	Karnes
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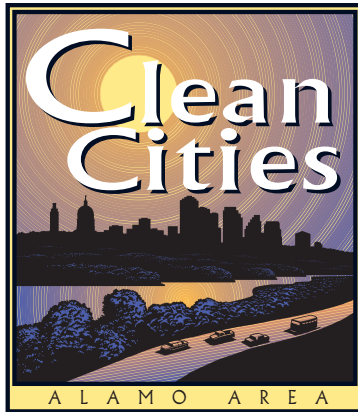


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## What Is Clean Cities?

Clean Cities is a U. S. Department of Energy program designed to encourage the use of alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) and their underlying support systems nationwide.

Clean Cities organizations are built on the premise that we can change our communities for the better through cooperation and voluntary partnerships, working to reduce our reliance on imported oil and improve air quality.



## Why Were Clean Cities Coalitions Started?

With the Clean Air Act of 1970, federal law set air-quality standards and established procedures to reduce pollutants in non-attainment cities. A non-attainment city is one that exceeds minimum federal air-quality standards. If non-attainment cities do not meet air quality standards within a specified time period, they are subject to enforcement actions such as warnings, court orders, lawsuits, fines, and a reduction of funding for road construction and/or repairs. Clean Cities Coalitions were developed to help non-attainment cities meet air quality standards.

## The Leading Causes of Air Pollution in San Antonio:

On-road vehicles	39.2%
Off-road vehicles	11.0%
Electric generating facilities	10.2%
Other industries	4.5%
Landfills	0.02%

## Major Pollution Problem:

VOCs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1st	<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd	<input type="checkbox"/> 3rd
NO <sub>x</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2nd	<input type="checkbox"/> 3rd
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San Antonio is currently classified as near non-attainment by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) has exceeded the 8-hour ground level ozone standard and may be reclassified as non-attainment later in 2001.

## Goals

The MSA represented by the Air Improvement Resources Committee (AIRCo) is working with the EPA and TNRCC to develop an acceptable plan, called the O<sub>3</sub> Flex Plan, for reducing emissions ahead of scheduled requirements to avoid being placed in non-attainment status with a traditional classification. The AIRCo consists of the elected officials from the MSA, their staffs and local leaders from industry, business and the community.

## Plans to Reduce Air Pollution

**Development, Approval and Implementation of the O<sub>3</sub> Flex Plan.** A comprehensive program of vehicle inspection, cleaner fuels, and efficiency programs to reduce emissions.

**Alternative Fuel Programs:** The City of San Antonio, Bexar County, City Public Service, VIA Metropolitan Transit and several private fleets have aggressive LPG fleet programs, and the U.S. Postal Service, the U.S. Air Force and the University of Texas at San Antonio have CNG fleet programs. HEB has an LNG vehicle modification program for their class 8 tractors.

**Construction Equipment:** An off-road committee has been formed under the Air Improvement Resources Committee to develop program opportunities to reduce emissions from construction equipment.

**Ozone Action Days:** An Air Quality Health Alert Day Program is administered by the Alamo Area Council of Governments' Natural Resources Department.

**Reid Vapor Pressure:** AIRCo has obtained the cooperation of gasoline distributors to send only low Reid Vapor Pressure gasoline during the ozone season.

**Educational Programs:** Educational programs on air quality and alternative fuels are planned and administered through the Natural Resources Department of AACOG. Clean Cities programs focus on fleet operators.